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International application No.

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- international search (under Rules 12.3 and 23.1(b))
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pages _____ 1-9 _____, as originally filed/furnished

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pages _____ 7, 8, 13, 14, 17 _____, as originally filed/furnished

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V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

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| Novelty (N) | Claims | <u>1-3, 7, 8, 10-14, 17-28</u> | YES |
| | Claims | <u> </u> | NO |
| Inventive step (IS) | Claims | <u>1-3, 7, 8, 10-14, 17-28</u> | YES |
| | Claims | <u> </u> | NO |
| Industrial applicability (IA) | Claims | <u>1-3, 7, 8, 10-14, 17-28</u> | YES |
| | Claims | <u> </u> | NO |

2. Citations and explanations

Document 1: EP 791847 A (Philips Electronics N. V.), 27 August 1997, entire text, fig. 2-6, & GB 9603890 A & JP 9-236777 A & US 6064424 A1

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